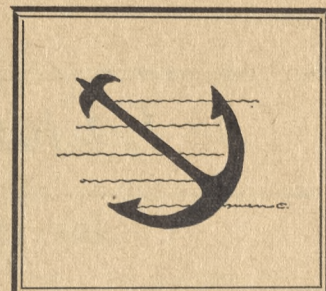




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15 Students Win Regents Scholarships

By Pam Gersten

Fifteen New York State Regents Scholarships, two Regents Scholarships for Engineering and Scientific Studies, and one Regents Scholarship for Basic Professional Education in Nursing were awarded to Fort Hamilton Seniors. These scholarships were won on the basis of examinations administered last October 15 and 16.

Winners of the State Scholarship are Arnold Andersen, Jacquelyn Appel, Linda Aylward, Richard Glasser, Jocelyn Jansen, Joseph Lauer, Gerald McIntyre, Enid Oppenheimer, Deborah Pisetzner, Flavia Rando, Janet Ray, Joyce Rosenbaum, Kenneth Sipley, Harvey Wachtel and John Yellen. Sharon Mecca won a Nursing Scholarship, and Arnold Andersen and Harvey Wachtel received Engineering Scholarships.

Competition Open

Boys and girls who plan to train to become registered professional nurses may compete for the Regents Scholarship for Basic Professional Education in Nursing. \$200 to \$500 a year is awarded on the basis of financial need for this scholarship.

The Regents Scholarship for Engineering and Scientific Studies is intended for boys and girls who plan to study engineering, mathematics, physics or chemistry in college. Each scholarship carries a stipend of \$300 to \$850 a year, depending on need.

The Regents College Scholarship is designed for all high school graduates who plan to attend a New York State college. Each scholarship carries a stipend of \$250 to \$700 a year, depending on financial need.

Senior Day Now Pleasant Memory

February 5 was the big day on the senior calendar. The Senior Day began with the Senior Show — written, directed, and acted entirely by seniors — and ended with a dance in the boys gym.

The show, "A Day in Fort Hamilton," involved approximately 80 seniors. At the finale Miss Rita Duhig, senior adviser, was crowned Queen of the Class.

The Senior Dance Band performed at the happy assembly and also in the girls gym during the first three periods.

Quick Calendar

March 25	End of 3rd Quarter
April 4	Report cards distributed
April 15	Easter Holidays
April 29	Musicale
May 12	Pilot published
May 20	School play (The Royal Family)
May 25	Program Change Deadline
May 30	Memorial Day (no school)
June 9	Anniversary Day (no school)
June 10	Pilot published
June 17, 20, 21, 22	Regents
June 29	Commencement (B'klyn College)

'Anchor' Editorial Board



Photo by Tom Barreca

Ruth Applebaum, literary editor; Jocelyn Jansen, copy editor; Kaare Rafoss, art editor; Miss Helen P. Gerlach, adviser; John Lund, art editor; Phyllis Johnson, editor-in-chief; Joyce Rosenbaum, business manager; Tania Khodjamirian, literary editor.

'Anchor' to Make Annual Appearance Next Month

By Edith Tadross

The *Anchor*, the annual literary magazine, will make its appearance next month, either directly before or after the Easter holidays, according to Miss Helen P. Gerlach, adviser.

The magazine, whose purpose, says Miss Gerlach, is "to permit the students of Fort Hamilton to see examples of the best writing and art work done by their fellow classmates," will contain literature and art created and edited entirely by students.

Assortment of Articles

The contents, among which will be found humorous and serious poetry, stories and essays, were submitted through the English classes.

This year's issue will contain many more illustrations—in black and white—and a "modernistic" cover.

Two outstanding articles are "Dilemma," a humorous piece by Barbara Wickman, dealing with a girl who couldn't refuse a boy who had nothing to offer but money; and "Fear," by Richard De Santis, a serious short story concerning a young Italian boy and his frightening experience with a gypsy, whom he had been taught to fear.

50¢ a Copy

Editor-in-chief is Phyllis Johnson; literary editors, Ruth Applebaum and Tania Khodjamirian; copy editor, Jocelyn Jansen; art editors, John Lund and Kaare Rafoss; and business manager, Joyce Rosenbaum. Business consultant is Mr. Alexander Selwyn.

"Since there were not enough copies

for every student who wished to purchase one last year, we are ordering more this year," said Miss Gerlach. "However, because a limited number is being ordered, students should subscribe for their copies as soon as possible."

The magazine is 50¢ and may be purchased through all English classes.

PTA Contributes Stage Floodlights

The new overhead lights in the auditorium were made possible by a \$1300 contribution from the Parent-Teachers Association.

These lights were first used at the Senior Show, February 5, and will be used at many future assembly programs and school productions.

The PTA is also contributing \$1650 for an electric stencil facsimile machine.

The annual PTA Card Party has been set for Friday evening, May 6. All parents will be notified of the event.

Nature Club Finds 'Life' Exciting

Under the guidance of Mrs. Sara Sulzer, the newly organized Nature Club explores the mysteries and beauties of nature.

Topics taken up at past meetings included the examination of microscopic animals, the ways in which plants affect our daily lives, and the habits of animals living in the forest.

Mrs. Sulzer, in charge of the biology laboratory, has a wide educational background in botany and zoology, and was a nature counselor in camp during the summer vacation.

Anyone interested is invited to join. The club meets Tuesdays after school in 304.

Musicale Set For April 29, 30

The annual spring musicale will be offered Friday and Saturday evenings, April 29 and 30, at 8:15 P.M., in the school auditorium.

Tickets are one dollar and may be purchased from any student participating in the performance. The seats are unreserved.

Performances will be given by the mixed chorus and boys chorus, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Lessell, chairman of the Music Department; by the band and orchestra, led by Mr. Gerald Heffron; and by the girls chorus, led by Mr. Alan Knieter.

In addition, the Modern Dance Class, under the guidance of Miss Margaret Monsen, will perform.

12 Capture Awards In Poster Contest

By Jocelyn Jansen

Fort Hamilton has done it again! This year twelve students received awards in the Annual Brotherhood Poster contest, open to all public, parochial and private schools in the Bay Ridge area.

The theme of the contest, sponsored by the Brevoort Savings Bank and B'nai B'rith Chapter 305, as well as numerous other civic and commercial organizations in Bay Ridge, was "Brotherhood—Believe it—Live it—Support it."

2 Win Savings Bonds

Two Hamiltonites, Helene Brachfeld, 4A1, and Donald Reinertsen, 4C21, walked off with top honors, taking two of the four "Best-in-Show" awards and \$25 Savings Bonds.

In the senior division, comprising the eleventh and twelfth grades, Solvi Almgren, 3B12, was awarded first prize, with Lonny Irgens, 4B18, Robert Battani, 3C22, and James Davis, 4B10, capturing second, third and fourth place, respectively.

In addition, Torsten Ellison, 4C7, Estelle Imparato, 4C6, Robert Jorgensen, 4B18, Wayne M. O'Brien, 4C4, Kaare Rafoss, 4A9, and Flavia Rando, 4C21, received honorable mention.

Posters on Display

The posters, which first had to conform to the specifications outlined by Miss Anna C. Dick, Chairman of the Art Department, were selected on the basis of clarity of representation, understanding of the meaning of brotherhood, and expression of a positive philosophy.

The prize-winning posters were on display at the Brevoort Bank's 86th Street office and at the Bay Ridge Lodge and Chapter of B'nai B'rith, where, Miss Dick was presented with its brotherhood award.

Some Must Have Cafeteria Service

All candidates for Arista, G.O. Office, Senior Council, and Senior Class Offices are required to present a minimum of one year of satisfactory cafeteria service, emphasized Mrs. Mary Catania, Arista adviser.

Many types of duties are available to meet the demands and abilities of candidates for the above-mentioned activities.

Interested students are responsible for having the teachers in charge of the cafeteria certify this service credit.

B'nai B'rith Honors Miss Dick

Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Art Department, was presented with the B'nai B'rith Brotherhood Award February 25 at the Bay Ridge Jewish Center.

The award was presented in recognition of her work in connection with the Brotherhood Poster Contest and the Halloween Art Contest.

Miss Dick also gives an evening course in art education at Fort Hamilton, and on Tuesday nights sponsors the non-sectarian Tuesday Night Painters Group at St. Jacoby's Church.

Said Miss Dick modestly, "It was the cooperation of everyone in the community that made this award possible."

Menorah Club Is Reorganized

The Menorah Club has been reorganized under the direction of Mr. Harold Udewitz, a member of the English Department.

President is Barbara Samalow; vice-president, Ninette Obadia; and secretary, Harriet Diamond.

Says Mr. Udewitz, "The main purpose of the club is to introduce Jewish culture to students, give them a background in religious tradition, and create in them an awareness of their cultural heritage."

At meetings, the students discuss topics pertinent to Jewish life today and sing both modern and traditional Hebrew songs. During the recent clothing drive, the club raised over \$100 dollars for the United Jewish Appeal.

The club meets Tuesdays after school in 368.

Harry Belafonte Intends To Expand Acting Career

By Jacquelyn Appel

Several weeks ago your reporter, accompanied by Piloteers Pam Gersten and Jane Appel, had the opportunity to attend a mass interview given by Harry Belafonte for high school editors in the New York City area.

The RKO Palace Theater was filled with buzzing students when the ruggedly-built six feet tall Harry Belafonte made his entrance. He posed for pictures and then began to answer questions put forth by curious editors. Questions ranged from "What do you think of Brigit Bardot?" (to which his reply was



"Well, now!") to his opinions on the segregation issue.

Prefers Comedies

Most people are aware that Belafonte is a great singing star whose long engagement at the RKO Palace Theater ended just a few days ago. However, he is also keenly interested in acting and has appeared in several motion pictures. He prefers to act in comedies, although most of his pictures have been of a serious nature.

Belafonte believes that "good productions do not necessarily have to deal with hate, tragedy, or religious conflicts." Although he feels that it will take many years before racial prejudices are eradicated, he does not think that they should be introduced

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The Editors Say...

Order It Now

Next month the annual literary magazine, the *Anchor*, will be published. This issue, which will contain short stories, poems, essays, and drawings by the students, will undoubtedly be one of superior quality.

The *Anchor*, which resumed publication last year after a long lapse of time, was warmly received by the students and faculty. We have every reason to believe that they are eagerly anticipating this year's publication.

Students talented in creative writing or art have an opportunity to get their work published; and, by the same token, readers have an opportunity to enjoy the fruits of this creativity.

Hamiltonites may look upon this magazine as an accomplishment and a challenge, an accomplishment in the sense that the previous issue has demonstrated the fine literary and artistic talents of the students; a challenge in the sense that all students with such literary or artistic talent may aim towards attractive publication.

We understand that the number of copies will be limited. In that case, the wise student will make his reservation in his English class at the earliest possible moment.

The Outdoor Season

This year the fall and winter teams have done themselves proud. The soccer and basketball squads found the winning combination that took them to a second place finish in divisional competition.

The coaches and players of the spring teams are also looking forward to a good season, and the golf, track, tennis, handball, and baseball clubs are now working into shape.

Spring is a good time for everyone to get outdoors. Why not do it by attending the Blue and White games and supporting your teams? You get fresh air and sunshine—and the athletes have the encouragement of your presence and applause.

Did You Know...

"60" is a significant number for New York's Verazano-Narrows Bridge. Started in 1960 to link Staten Island and Brooklyn, it will be the City's 60th bridge, and its main span will be 4260 feet... making it the world's largest suspension bridge.

We had 14.2 inches of snow March 3. However, the record for a March snowstorm occurred March 12, 1888, when 16.5 inches of snow fell.

Overboard

By Glenn Collins

All you sports fans know there's nothing like Professional Thumb Wrestling for thrill and excitement!

Here's a portion of the thrilling match between Antonino Jones and Danny McSmith, who were fighting for the Professional Thumb Wrestling Championship of the World...

"... Danny McSmith is pinning down Antonino Jones... he's applying the pressure, he's—Antonino uses a Reverse-Twist-Joint-Stomper to get free! Wait a minute—Danny just used an illegal Finger-Nail-Pull! He's crushing Antonino with a Double-Reverse-Muscle-Destroyer, and Referee Pappy Wilson is looking at the two thumbs closely—Danny has an illegally concealed nail-clipper!

"Antonino is mad, he breaks the hold, look at him go! He's wild, Danny McSmith tries to escape—Antonino uses his famous Flying-Fignail-Grasp! Again! Again! Crusher is pinned and the fight is over! Antonino has done it again!"

Yes, Thumb Wrestling Fans, Antonino Jones has done it again! And this rough, hard-fighting star agrees that all his success is due to JIFFY, the MAN's Back-Scratcher. Men, you too will agree that JIFFY is the best yet!

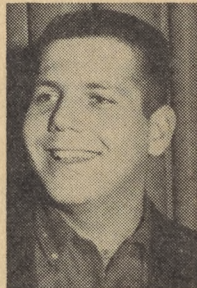
Do you find yourself getting nicks and cuts with your present back-scratcher? Well, it might be because you're not getting the proper exposure angle and weight in your present scratcher.

The new JIFFY ADJUSTIBLE solves that problem, men. Adjustable for light, medium, and heavy itches, JIFFY will give you that clean, satisfying feeling, which will make your day just right. Yes, sports fans, get JIFFY ADJUSTIBLE today!

Talented Allan Pierce Is a Curtaintimer Power

By Jocelyn Jansen

Wanted: A student with an avid interest in the theatre who produced a senior show, participated in several school plays, and appeared in a movie. Naturally, the only person to fill this role is talented senior Allan Pierce.



Allan, who has attended drama schools since he was 12, currently belongs to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, where he greatly enjoys directing seven- and eight-year olds. He is also busily assisting Miss Joan Conway, director of Curtaintimers, with the production of the spring show, "The Royal Family." His many duties as stage manager include helping backstage and assisting the actors in all possible ways.

In Summer Stock

This active student has been in summer stock in New England for the past two years and has appeared in such productions as "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker" and "The Loud Red Patrick." A high spot in his career thus far was a walk-on part in the screen production "Middle of the Night."

Allan also finds time for other activities. He is president of Curtaintimers and is a member of the Public Speaking Club and the Radio Workshop. He also enjoys collecting playbills and albums of fine Broadway shows, and attends the theatre every week.

Wants to Be Director

In addition, he has taken guitar, modern dance, and mime lessons. (Mime is an art similar to pantomime and is based on a person's expressions and movements.) He greatly enjoys

such sports as bowling, ice-skating and swimming.

This thespian, whose favorite subjects are English, math and history, plans to attend New York University where he will probably major in education and dramatic arts. At present he is interested in a directing career. "Directing is my one ambition; acting is merely a hobby."

Round About

By Jane Appel

Question: Do you object to the present compulsory school age of 17?

Alice Nelson, 2CJ21:

No. I believe that if one is to achieve a high standard in life a high school diploma is necessary. If this law were not in effect, many students would leave school without realizing the importance of a high school education.

Susan Dunn, 2AJ15:

Yes, I do object on the grounds that the non-scholastic student should be able to start a trade school at the age of 14 and finish at 16. Compulsory education for such a student would not prepare him for life.

Joyce Rachlin, 3A13:

Not only is it a good idea, but it should be made a practice all over the world. Such a procedure will raise the educational level of this generation and generations to come.

Arnold Andersen, 4C21:

I think that the compulsory school age should be lowered. Those pupils who have neither the interest nor the ability should not be forced to stay in school if they are capable of getting a job and doing something constructive.

Gordon Reinertsen, 2CJ23:

If a person has not been in school up to the age of 17, he will be unable to obtain a good job.

Loretta Bjorn, 1A5:

I think that a person should stay in school until he is 17 so that he may become a better citizen.

Dorothea Victor, 4B18:

I believe that a student should stay in school until he is 17 years old. If he decides to leave school before he reaches this age, he may later regret this decision.

Experiment

A chemistry student named Billy Thought rules in the lab were quite silly.

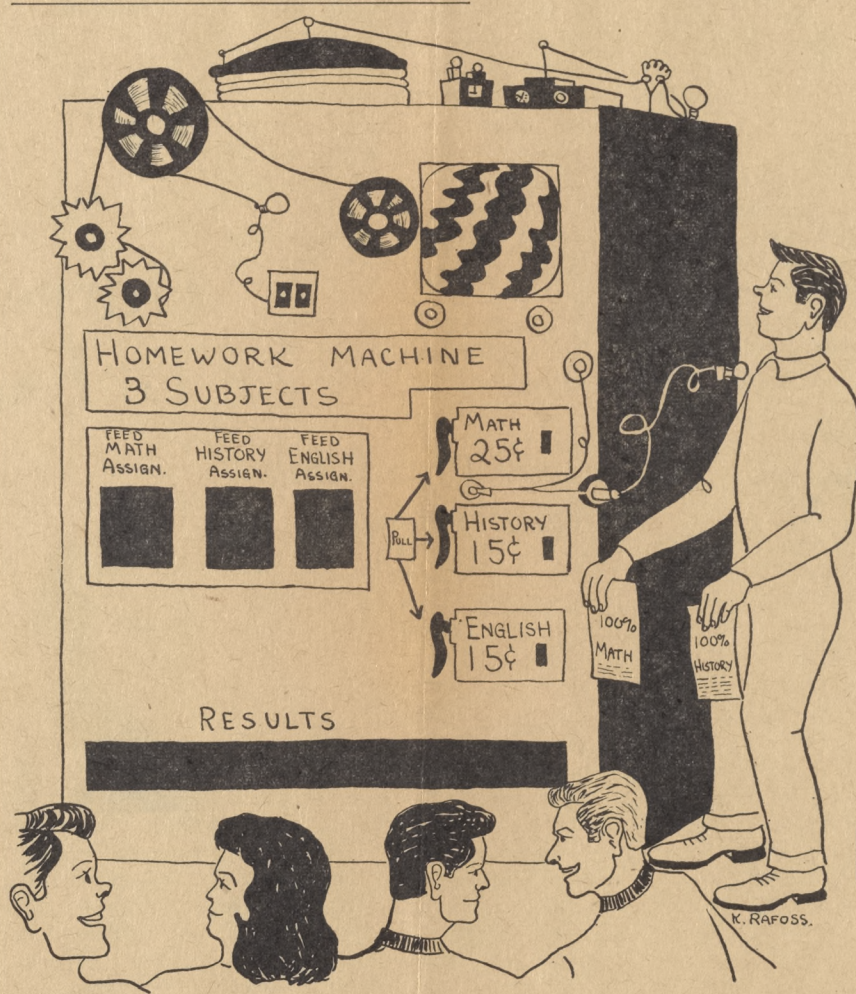
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Emily Paradise, E3H6

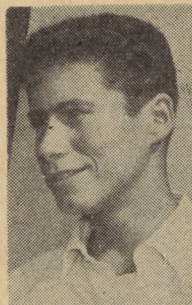
Senior Gift Suggestion



You're In, Ubr Out

By William Uhr

Perhaps one of the most talked about but least understood subjects today, besides the farm crisis, world affairs, and why the New York Yankees lost the pennant, is abstract art.



This phenomenon has struck the public with astonishing force, mainly because no one thought the idea would ever take hold. Instead, the craze has spread to all parts of the world like giant chicken pox, and produces the same effects: itching and that up-set feeling.

This radical self-expression is so shocking to the beholder that it brings a variety of comments. The course of the these remarks runs from "I like it, but what is it?" to "Don't touch it! You might change its meaning!"

Takes Many Shapes

Art of this type takes many shapes. Some artists express themselves by painting pictures. A few of these masterpieces are little things greatly resembling an explosion in a paint factory. Still larger ones resemble road maps seen in a bad light.

Another form of abstract art is symbolic sculpture, which never appears to be what it is supposed to symbolize. Actually it is whittling, but on a larger scale. An example can be found on display in one of the museums of modern art. It appears to be a large wooden chain about six feet high, and one gets the impression that that is what it is. However, it is named "Woman."

Titles Before Pictures

This leads to the formality of naming the creations. The title is usually chosen before the picture is even started.

Let us consider for a moment first the people who look at abstract art paintings and then those who actually buy them. The first group generally outnumbers the second, just as people watching a Russian roulette match outnumber those who play.

By journeying to certain parts of the city in the right season, one can see paintings being thrown together right on the sidewalks. Vast numbers of people browse through the display, looking at canvases, pricing them, and finally deciding not to buy them. Still others go to watch the artists, who, in many cases, are odder than the things they create. But most people go because the exhibit is free.

In another category are those who buy paintings. Some are nearsighted and some are far-sighted, but most are blind. Almost all have no taste whatsoever. These are the people who usually applaud the merits of the painting, and then go ahead and hang it upside down on their walls. When asked what the picture represents, they usually reply, "You can't put it into words. You have to feel it."

These are my sentiments exactly. Yours are undoubtedly quite different.



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By Ken Sipley

If President Eisenhower should ever pay a visit to Fort Hamilton High School, your editor is sure he'd be interested in meeting the members of our golf team—especially its captain, John Raffaniello.

John has been a member of the squad for four years and captain for two. He taught himself to play five years ago at the Dyker Memorial Golf Course.

In recalling his first game, John says, "I shot a rousing 120 for my first 18 holes." From this humble beginning he progressed until he shot in the low 70's, which he has been doing for the last two years.

One Championship After Another

John has been winning championships since 1958. That year he was the Brooklyn Junior Champion and the Dyker Course Champion. In '59 he retained his Brooklyn Junior title and went on to win the Journal American Metropolitan Championship and the Hearst National Junior Championship.

John feels that although he taught himself to play, the members of the Health Education Department have really helped him considerably, "not only in my golfing but in my general development as well."

To Turn Pro

After graduation, he hopes to turn professional and play golf for a living. When asked whether he would enter the tournament circuit or try to obtain a job as a golf instructor, John replied, "I'll probably teach for a while to gain the experience I need for tournament golf." Judging from his past successes, it's safe to assume that we'll be hearing big things from John Raffaniello when the time comes.

Bob Barnek will join the Brooklyn-Queens All-Stars in a Madison Square Garden game against high school all-stars from the other three boroughs, Saturday, March 26.

Tickets for the All-Star game are available in the G.O. office, room 230, during the 8th period.

See Mr. Sterne. Prices: 75¢ and \$2.00.

42 Jolly Beacons Visit Camp Norge

Forty-two girls, consisting mainly of Beacons and Junior Beacons, spent Lincoln's birthday weekend at Camp Norge, New City, New York.

The group left school by chartered bus Thursday afternoon and arrived in camp in time for supper.

Activities included basketball, volleyball, baseball, biking, singing, and — of course — constant eating.

Accompanying the group on the trip were Mrs. Josephine Sullivan and Mrs. Janet Seidler, of the Girls Health Education Department, and Miss Janice Alberti, of the Social Studies Department.

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13 Take Lessons In Art of Boxing

Under the expert guidance of Dr. Michael E. Sachey, 13 boys meet daily after school at the central YMCA to learn the fundamentals of boxing.

The idea of a boxing club is credited to senior Anthony Abraham, who negotiated for the use of the "Y". The "Y" could provide space but, unfortunately, no equipment.

Practice began four weeks ago with the boys learning the basic moves and techniques involved in boxing. No matches are planned, Dr. Sachey said. "I don't believe in interscholastic boxing matches, but rather in the matching of individuals."

High school boxing has received a bad reputation, said the coach, because some participants sustained injuries that might have been avoided. "Boxing is dangerous only in so far as there is incompetent supervision — and it is generally incompetent because expert instructors are few and far between."

The 13 future boxers include Anthony Abraham, Vincent Butler, Paul Casey, Charles Immordino, Jack Gilbride, Peter Berggren, Donald Payburn, Walter Thorsen, Thomas Mazza, Peter Minakakis, Robert Vellanti, Phil Nilsen and James Byrnes.

Several of Dr. Sachey's boxing students have become Golden Gloves, Amateur or Intercollegiate champions.

Handball Outlook Fine, Says Coach

Tryouts for the handball team are under way in the boys gymnasium.

Said Coach Howard Hammer, "We've had a fine turnout of about 35 students. I hope some of them will greatly strengthen this year's squad."

Mr. Hammer hopes that depth will be the key to success this season, which opens in mid-April. He plans to maintain a ten- or eleven-man team comprising three singles, two doubles, and a three- or four-man reserve.

The Blue and White finished last season with a record of four wins and four losses. Returning members are Peter Grossath, Robert Magrino, Ralph Marino, Richard Marino, Charles Sahadi and Robert Tenney.

Quintet Wins 19; Participates In PSAL Playoffs

The basketball team climaxed a most successful season by taking a berth in the PSAL city playoffs. The Rebels played Wingate in the first game of a triple-header Feb. 25 at Madison Square Garden.

The Blue and White cagers won 19 while losing five this year. Their PSAL record was 8-4, the losses going to John Jay (2), New Utrecht, and Madison. Fort Hamilton beat Xaverian, its arch rival, twice in non-PSAL games.

Barnek Scores 33 Points

After losing to John Jay in a televised game Jan. 30, the Rebels went on to finish in a tie for second place with Madison. In a playoff game at Wingate Feb. 19, the Blue and White beat Madison 62-48, Bob Barnek scoring 33 points. This win gave Fort Hamilton a spot in the PSAL tournament for the first time in the history of the school.

In the first quarter of the game at the Garden the Rebels got off to a 10-0 lead. Bob Barnek held Roger Brown scoreless from the floor, but collected three personal fouls.

At the end of the first quarter the Wingate Generals began to move. The game ended 65-39, Wingate.

"It has been a fine season," Coach Kenneth Kern said proudly.

Netmen Back In Full Swing

With seven returning lettermen, the varsity tennis team opened its practice March 1, under the guidance of Coach Alfred Joltin.

Back in number one position is Robert Gillespie, who turned in a 6-1 record last season. Other veterans are Lloyd Haas, 1960 captain; John Yellen, Robert Abbot, Richard Cohen and Roy Hudec.

Coach Joltin is enthusiastic about three promising newcomers: Lloyd Sara, Fred Bold and Leif Olsen. Mr. Joltin urges all boys to try out for the team if they enjoy the sport and have had some experience. Notices will be posted on the gym bulletin board.

Clue to Failure?

According to an article in the New York Herald Tribune of Nov. 26, 1959, "More time is spent in viewing TV in the United States than in any other human activity except sleep — and that includes work."



do you know
what's going on
outside of
school?

This paper you're holding tells all about your school life — but how about the outside world? Will a Khrushchev speech put you in uniform faster? Will the scientist who takes us beyond the moon be born in one of your classrooms? Somebody must have ripped the brakes out — the world is moving faster every day. To keep informed, read the DAILY NEWS — the newspaper that tells you what's going on in your city, your world and your life — and tells it to you fast!

Cindermen Get Ready For Outdoor Season

By Steve Kaufman

After three months of practice and competition within the confines of armories and gymnasiums, Coach Joseph Kottmann looks forward to fresh air and blue skies to display the fine potential of this year's track team.

Thus far the coach has turned up a promising group of new cindermen and hopes to find more fresh talent during the spring tryouts.

Gordon Runs Well

Newcomer Richard Gordon displayed fine running ability as he led the Novice relay team to a third-place finish in the qualifying time-trials for the Catholic High School Champions Competition, Feb. 18. In this meet, held in the 168th Street Armory, Martin Antonelli, Tom Connors and Joe Spitzkoff each clocked good times in the mile relay.

In the N.Y.U. meet, Feb. 12, Ken-

neth Borg cleared a six-foot high jump to give the Blue and White one point and a fifteenth place finish among 125 schools.

Field Sports Coming Up

On March 3, the "1C4A" track meet marked the close of indoor competition for Hamilton. Said Mr. Kottmann, "We've done well indoors this season, but I think outdoor meets will show up the best of the track team. We're counting on the field sports (shot-put, pole-vault, high jump) to give us a big boost."

Captain Victor Gerckens heads the list of returning veterans. Gerckens, Ross Freitas, Steven Shama, and John Zuccarelli comprise the relay team. John Moore, who last year became Hamilton's first pole-vaulter, will again try his skill with the long stick.

Other Veterans

Other returning veterans are Army Hanson, manager; Kenneth Borg; Richard Cerrato; Paul Crane; Anthony Sciarone; Steve Abrahamson; Joe Albano; Martin Antonelli; Ralph Borg; Tom Connor; Ed Dillon; Geo. Fjelldal; Lance Gurian; Mike Kerrigone; Jim Marrone; William Meehan; Manny Newman; William Sibbern; Ken Ottesen; and Bob Perrin.

Belafonte

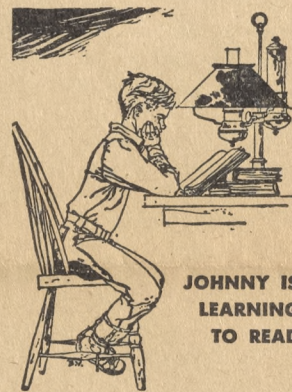
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into his performances.

Acclaimed in Europe

Harry Belafonte has appeared in singing engagements not only throughout the United States, but also in such European cities as London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Milan, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Brussels. Although he performed in the largest theater in each of the aforementioned cities, he broke every house record in existence and received great acclaim from European critics.

As for the future, this Harlem-born singer plans to continue his vocal and recording career. Meanwhile, he hopes to expand his acting and also make another tour of Europe.



JOHNNY IS LEARNING TO READ

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Rehearse Spring Play; Curtain Up May 20, 21

By Sylvia Sorensen

With the coming of spring, all thoughts are revolving around happiness, fun, and comedy. And so it is with the Curtaintimers who have been steadily rehearsing "The Royal Family"—their comic presentation for this year's varsity show. Curtain time is Friday and Saturday evening, May 20 and 21, at 8:15 P.M.

"The plot," said Miss Joan Conway, director of the dramatics group, "though hardly biographical, is thought to be modeled after some of the more prominent Barrymores—for example, the irrepressible character of Tony is modeled after John, and the spirited and highly successful Julie, after Ethel.

"It is a story about actors who are always acting, and about their recurring delightful problems. The usual foibles associated with actors' temperaments have not been forgotten."

In the lead roles are Janette Gautier as Julie Cavendish; Steven Shama as Tony; and Nancy Truscott as Fanny Cavendish, the mother of them all, and a real trouper.

June Gaudio, Robert Cruce, William Calhoun, Ann McCann, Kenneth Siple, Michele Sakal, Frank Grassi, Barbara Wickman, John Cardello, Robert Haas, and Bob Battani round out the cast of characters.

Rehearsals began in February in room 314 where blocking scenes and

Students Study UN Organization

The annual contest sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations was held Friday morning, March 5.

At present, a zealous group of Hamiltonites is studying the United Nations organization from the point of view of achievements, current problems, and methods for improving its machinery. The group is under the guidance of Mrs. Frieda Hauptman.

Last year Jacquelyn Appel, now a senior, won outstanding honors in this contest.

Wins in Merit Test

George Martin, 4A5, a student at Fort Hamilton since last September, has been awarded a National Merit Scholarship certificate.

George took the test last April in New Brunswick, Maine, where he formerly resided.

The examination was taken by one to two thousand students and covered such areas as English, math and science.

Water to Wine? Science Does It

Change water to wine? Impossible! However, a student actually "did this" at the science assembly programs February 17 and 24, under the supervision of Mr. George Kanstroom, head of the Physical Science Department.

Other experiments dealt with fire-eating, the effects of different sound frequencies on the ear, and the demonstration of the mechanical advantage of the pulley.

During the intervals between experiments the band played several entertaining numbers.



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Going to College?

Are you planning a college career?

Juniors who are doing so should be looking into colleges to which they wish to apply, advises Mrs. Mary Catania, college coordinator.

"Acceptances and rejections come in earlier and earlier, and therefore students must apply sooner," she cautioned.

"College applications should be sent early in September. The deadline is October 31."

Sophomores and juniors are advised to attend the college conferences held here during the morning prefect on assembly days.

Wagner Offers 125 Major Courses

"Most important upon entering college is a background of careful planning and study."

These were the words with which Miss Dorothy Serenberg, Assistant Director of Admissions at Wagner College, began her discussion at the college conference February 24.

Miss Serenberg explained that Wagner offers 125 major courses in 25 fields and also prepares students in pre-professional courses. Class standing, general citizenship, college boards, and high school marks contribute to entrance possibilities.

An extra note for those interested—there are almost two males to every female!

2 Boys, 1 Machine For Clean Records

What is the only squad in the school that has two members and wants to keep it that way? It's the Photostat Squad.

Comprising Eugene Skarin and Edward Dalton, of 2CJ28 and 2BJ16, respectively, and faculty adviser Mr. Max Eisner, the group records transcripts for college applications and reproduces old records when called for.

Explained Mr. Eisner, "We have only one machine. All we'd do with more help is get in each other's way."

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Hospital Director Calls Nursing a Fine Career

By Faye Natanblut

"There are many opportunities in the nursing profession for those who are willing to accept the challenges," said Mrs. Ruth B. Skinner, Director of Nursing, Prospect Heights Hospital, at a nursing career conference Feb. 17.

Different types of nursing courses leading to a Registered Nurse's license are now available. Brooklyn College offers an accredited two-year course. Some hospitals have three-year courses, while other universities and colleges offer four-year courses, terminating in an R.N. and a B.S. degree.

Nurses Serve in Many Areas

The work of the R.N. covers a broad scope. Nurses serve not only in hospitals but in other community agencies, such as public health organizations, industries, schools, clinics, United States Government, Army, Navy, and Veterans Administration. They also do relief and reconstruction work abroad.

A Satisfying Career

Nursing is one of the best possible preparations for successful living, Mrs. Skinner believes. The opportunities for constructive, satisfying careers are almost unlimited because the nurse is prepared to give an essential service that will always be in demand.

Nurses find that their work provides an excellent background for family life and community affairs.

Science Book Unit Now in Library

Books from the traveling science library, sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, are now available in the library.

This program, now in its fifth year, provides a traveling library to about 1350 senior high schools representing every state and territory.

The collection consists of four units of fifty books each. The library has its third unit of fifty books for a two-month period only. The books will be passed on to another school April 1. Consequently, Mrs. Elizabeth S. McClenahan, librarian, urges students to borrow them now.



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